

It is not only interesting but amusing to read the lubrications of the Grit organs in reference to the strength and popularity of the Dominion Cabinet of which Sir John A. Macdonald is the head. If their statements are to be taken as well founded, the tenure of office of the present Administration will scarcely be worth a day's purchase after the House of Commons shall have met for the dispatch of business. It is asserted that the Cabinet as at present constructed, cannot possibly outlive the session, and even if it were not exposed to the buffets of a strong and rigorous opposition, the seeds of decay are already so well developed that nothing in the world can save it from falling to pieces. First and foremost among the elements of weakness they are said to be hanging as dead horses upon the skirts of the Right Honourable Premier, the member for Vancouver District, Sir Francis Hincks. His incompetency as a practical statesman as well as a financier, is not for moment called in question; that he has rendered valuable service to the country by his adoption, as a representative of the people and a Minister of the Crown; that Canada is indebted as much to him as to any other living man for her present degree of almost unparalleled prosperity, and the proud position she occupies as one of the most powerful and highly esteemed of Britain's great dependencies, even the most scrupulous of his Grit detractors dare not gainsay. That the "efflux of time" has somewhat impaired his physical vigor, is undoubtedly true; but who but the veriest ingrate would turn his back upon the toil-worn veteran on that account? The skirts of his hair have grown white in the public service, and his grey hair appears as fresh to-day as when first he entered public life, more than a quarter of a century ago. The defeat of the venerable Finance Minister in South Brant, and his subsequent return as the member for Vancouver District, is a matter upon which Grit writers seem to take much pleasure in dilating. Notwithstanding, they say, the almost fervent desire of Sir Francis to obtain a seat in Western Canada, he met with the most humiliating want of success, and that as a *dernier resort* he was compelled to seek a resting-place on Vancouver Island. "Under these circumstances," says a contemporary of the Grit school, "his return for a constituency in British Columbia, even the name of which we venture to say hardly one man in a thousand, if called upon on the instant, could be found to give correctly, is very poor gliding for the bitter pill he has had to swallow." That Sir Francis, if he so wished, could have found a dozen constituencies in Ontario that would gladly have availed themselves of his valuable services and great influence and experience, and resented the interests of the House of Commons is an undoubted fact; and that he chose to accept the spontaneous offer of a constituency in British Columbia is no proof that he could not have had a seat very much nearer home if he had felt so inclined. We see a disposition manifested on the part of the *Toronto Globe*, and some of the smaller Grit satellites that draw upon that luminary for whatever glimmer of light they possess, to belittle the constituency which Sir Francis Hincks will have the honor to represent in the coming Parliament. If Vancouver District is not so well known to the people of the Eastern Provinces as many other constituencies in the Dominion, that fact does not detract one iota from its intrinsic importance or make it any the less one of the most promising districts in the whole Dominion. It has on its list of qualified voters at least five hundred names, of these represent a population exclusive of Indians, of two thousand five hundred people, which even as regards numbers, is not the most insignificant of all that send members to the House of Commons. But when we come to compare Vancouver District with many other districts in the Dominion in respect of its natural resources, it is then that its vast importance is shown and it stands forth as one of the first constituencies in the land. According to Mr. Richardson, the eminent geologist sent out to this country by the Dominion Government to report upon the geological character of the Province, the coal measures of that district are practically inexhaustible and are destined sooner or later to be a source of immense wealth to the Dominion in a commercial point of view. In connection with its coal beds are vast beds of iron ore, which will some day be a source of incalculable wealth to the country. Freestone, and some of the best of the continent for building purposes abound in the district, and is already an article of considerable commercial value, thousands of tons of it having recently been shipped to San Francisco for building purposes. The district contains timber of the finest quality in the world, and within its limits are many thousands of acres of as fine agricultural land as the sun shines upon. And besides all this it is nearly along its whole line bounded by the Pacific Ocean, has numerous excellent harbors, its waters are literally alive with the choicest fish, and the day is coming, and is not very far distant, when as a maritime district it will take rank among the foremost constituencies of the Dominion. With these facts before us, the people of the eastern side of the continent, and the people of the district of Vancouver is not the worthless piece of territory the Grits have represented it to be, and that Sir Francis Hincks, when he takes his seat in the Commons as its representative will have no cause to be ashamed of the position he occupies. As for Sir George Carter, who represents a district in Manitoba, we are not in a position to express an opinion as to his reference to its importance politically or otherwise; but we know this much, that both these veterans will

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